

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 173868

44

ORIGIN SCCT-02

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01

DODE-00 M-02 A-01 SY-04 SS-20 IO-14 /081 R

66604

DRAFTED BY S/CCT:JBROWNE:NWH

8/9/74 EXT. 29892

APPROVED BY S/CCT:LHOFFACKER

----- 019750

P 091426Z AUG 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 173868

E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 2/4/82

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: TERRORISM RESEARCH PROJECT

REF: A-6840, AUGUST 8, 1973

HEREWITH ARE PARTS OF STATE 023142, DATED FEBRUARY 4,  
1974:

1. QUOTE: AS ANNOUNCED IN REFERENCE A, AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY DEPARTMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH DEFENSE, TO CONDUCT THOROUGH STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL KIDNAPPING, INCLUDING THE BARGAINING PROCESS WITH TERRORISTS' HOLDING HOSTAGES. THAT STUDY, NOW IN PROGRESS WILL COVER FOUR MAIN ASPECTS: (1) EXTERNAL FACTORS; (2) EXPERIENCES OF HOSTAGES; (3) POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY; AND (4) IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. HANDLING OF SUCH INCIDENTS. VEHICLE FOR GATHERING INFORMATION ON THESE FOUR ASPECTS IS SERIES OF APPROXIMATELY 20 CASE STUDIES OF BARGAINING SITUATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE BOTH U.S. AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, AND OFFICIALS IN BOTH UNKNOWN AND "BARRICADE" SITUATIONS. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF STUDY HAVE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 173868

RECENTLY BEEN BRIEFED TO WORKING GROUP OF CABINET COMMITTEE

TO COMBAT TERRORISM. UNQUOTE.

4. QUOTE: SUBJECT MATTER IS, OF COURSE, SENSITIVE. IT IS  
THUS NECESSARY THAT RESEARCHERS' VISITS BE HANDLED WITH  
UTMOST DISCRETION. RAND CORPORATION HAS ITSELF ASKED  
DEPARTMENT TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT. THE RESEARCHERS MAY  
BE PRESENTED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS MEMBERS OF  
PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR USG;  
THEIR DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE REGARDED THEREFORE AS INFORMAL  
AND UNOFFICIAL. LOW-KEY APPROACH WITH A FEW LOCAL OFFICIALS  
WHOSE DISCRETION CAN BE RELIED UPON IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.  
RAND PREFERS THAT ITS ASSOCIATION WITH PROJECT REMAIN  
CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT BE REVEALED PUBLICLY. UNQUOTE.

6. QUOTE: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE RESEARCHERS FULLEST  
APPROPRIATE SUPPORT IN THIS SURVEY, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO  
LEAD TO GUIDELINES FOR POTENTIAL HOSTAGES AS WELL AS FOR  
THOSE NEGOTIATING THEIR RELEASE. UNQUOTE.  
KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PARAMILITARY FORCES, KIDNAPPING, RESEARCH, UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE, CONSULTANTS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 AUG 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** cunninfx  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE173868  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JBROWNE:NWH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** AS 19820204  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740218-0619  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740860/aaaabzan.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN SCCT  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A-6840, AUGUST 8, 1973  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** cunninfx  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 31 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <31 MAY 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <27 FEB 2003 by cunninfx>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TERRORISM RESEARCH PROJECT  
**TAGS:** PINS, RAND CORPORATION  
**To:** LISBON  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005